

## EPITOME OF THE WEEK.

### BRIEF NEWS SUMMARY FOR BUSY MEN.

Condensed Telegraphic Reports of the Important Events of the Past Week All Over the World.

#### FOREIGN.

Portugal's Cabinet has resigned because of a refusal of the Cortes to approve its financial schemes.

The young son of M. Bourgeois, Minister of Justice of France, has been kidnapped at Paris. Anarchists are suspected.

Deputy Zardi, one of the chief hoodlums of Italy, connected with the bank scandals, followed Baron de Reinach's example and committed suicide.

Spain has taken official action in the matter of an American syndicate securing control of Santo Domingo and a protest may be forwarded to Washington.

In the House of Commons at London, in reply to an inquiry, it was stated that the British Government had received no official information from the United States in regard to Hawaii.

Gases caused the death of over a score of miners in Spanish cad mines.

Gladstone's home rule bill for Ireland had its first reading in Parliament last night, and its second reading was set for March 13.

Chancellor von Caprivi's speech in the Reichstag is believed to mark the rupture between the Government and the Conservatives.

#### WASHINGTON.

The trolley car has invaded the sacred precincts of Mount Vernon.

Congressman Bland says the Sherman bond bill will be fought bitterly in the House.

Secretary Rusk makes an elaborate defense of the appropriations and expenditures of his department.

There will be an unprecedented crush in Washington at the inauguration of Cleveland, and accommodations will be at a tremendous premium.

Elegant apartments have been engaged at the Arlington as temporary quarters for the families of President elect Cleveland and Colonel Lamont.

Congressman Wilson, spoken of for Attorney General under Cleveland, says he does not aspire to the Cabinet honors.

It is said that ex-Internal Revenue Collector Miller, of Huntington, W. Va., will succeed John W. Mason, present collector.

The Director of the Mint has submitted to Congress an interesting report on the production and coinage of precious metals in the United States.

A futile effort has been made by conservatives on both sides of the silver question to reach a compromise. Mr. Carlisle is exerting himself to that end, but so far to no purpose.

The pension appropriation bill has been passed.

#### GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Ozark, Mo., was raided by burglars Sunday night.

At Allentown, Pa., a motorman's wife gave birth to quadruplets.

The defense was opened in the Bonavides extradition trial at San Antonio.

Governor McKinley's liabilities in the Youngstown, (O.) failure are said to be nearly \$100,000.

George W. Sechenthaler, of Bloomington, Ill., a noted conchologist, died in San Francisco.

The long Senatorial deadlock in North Dakota has ended in the election of Wm. N. Roach, a Democrat.

Chas. Johnson, wanted for the murder of Policeman Cox, of Lomasco, Ky., was arrested at Princeton, Ky.

A convention will be held at Wichita Falls, Tex., to organize Northwestern Texas for immigration work.

Five men created a state of terror on a Missouri Pacific train between Bonnett's Mills and Sedalia, where they were arrested.

A young man obtained several thousand dollars at Ottumwa, Ia., and Galesburg and Monmouth, Ill., on forged deeds and abstracts.

A sugar bounty of anywhere from \$6,000,000 to \$12,000,000 annually is the bug under the chip in the Hawaiian job, to say nothing of other manifold burdens that annexation of the islands would impose on this Government.

John C. Eno, the president of the New York Second National Bank, who absconded in 1881, and was indicted for stealing \$2,400,000, has returned and given himself up. His bond was fixed at \$20,000 and his trial set for March.

The Reading Railroad Company, after a week of bear pressure on its stocks on various changes, has gone into the hands of receivers. Chief Justice Paxson, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, President McLeod, of the Railroad Company, and Elisha Wilbur, ex-president of the Lehigh Valley branch, being appointed.

A mogul engine exploded its boiler at Fort Worth, Tex., with terrific effect, killing one man and seriously injuring several others.

The heaviest snow in years is falling throughout the Upper Ohio Valley.

of New York, died from

Jim Brown and Jeff and Dick Harrison, all white young men, the latter a boy of 15, whose robberies have been terrorizing Alabama for a year, have been put in jail at Birmingham.

A delegation of 200 citizens of Kansas City left home for Jefferson City to urge the defeat of the Lyman official salary bill.

Judge Geo. C. Rohrer is dead at Chillicothe, Mo.

Gov. Hogg, of Texas, vetoed a bill making a new judicial district.

The North Carolina branch of the Farmers' Alliance will have its charter repealed.

Seymour Allen, alias Harrocks, alias Wilson, a notorious criminal, escaped from the Southern Illinois Penitentiary. George A. Jenks, of Pennsylvania, is now spoken of strongly for Attorney General in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet.

At Helena, Ark., Dr. Overton Moore was shot and killed by Dr. C. R. Shinault, a rival, in a quarrel over a patient.

Ed Sparks, a planter near Abilene, Tex., killed his neighbor, named Chandler, and surrendered to the Sheriff.

The funeral of Judge Scholfield of the Supreme Court of Illinois was attended by a large number of prominent jurists.

Editors M. W. Connelly and L. W. Carmack, of Memphis, Tenn., are after each other, and they do say there will be a duel.

Agent Brown of Pine Ridge Agency says the Indians desire peace and that the chief danger is from the effects of whiskey on them.

The Senate in Arkansas debated a bill governing the election of Aldermen, and in the House the salaries of prison officials were fixed.

Two Kentuckians near Catesburg, settled a grudge by fighting a duel with pistols. Both were killed. The wife of one of the men was present at the fight.

At Newport, L. I., on the pillow of a sick child, hundreds of persons claim to have seen the outline of a man's face in monk's head dress, side by side with features of the patient.

A visit to Terre Haute, the home of ex-Secretary Thompson, by the committee investigating the American end of the Panama scandal is likely, in order to hear the ex-Secretary's evidence. He is too ill to appear at Washington.

Bradstreet's notes a general check to business owing to bad weather.

Dun's Trade Review reports the week's business throughout the country as good. The decrease in the cotton crop for the season is nearly 2,000,000 bales under last season.

The Arkansas House of Representatives passed the bill preventing preferences in assignments.

The Faulkenberg brothers, noted White Caps, in Perry County, Indiana, have been convicted.

Tennessee will abolish the convict lease system, build a new prison and work the men on State account.

The jury in the McDonald will case returned a verdict to the effect that the will was a forgery.

Ten cars of merchandise and an engine were destroyed in a wreck on the Illinois Central at Kankakee.

A general depression and nervousness is noted in stock dealings by Bradstreet's, due to the decision of the Government not to issue new bonds.

Albert Wing pleaded guilty of murder at Louisville. At the instance of Judge Eaves, the father of the wife he killed, he was given a life sentence instead of the death penalty.

J. Sterling Morton has been awarded the Agricultural portfolio by Mr. Cleveland. Judge Culbertson of Texas is believed to have been selected for the unassigned Attorney Generalship.

News from Honolulu by steamships Belgic and Monowai is that all is quiet. The American flag still floats over Hawaii, and the sentiment in favor of annexation with the United States is said to be growing.

The skeleton of James Knight, who was murdered 10 years ago at Crane Hill, Ala., has been found in the woods.

#### THE MARKETS.

##### NEW YORK.

Cattle, \$3.50@5.00; Cotton, middling, 9@9 1/4; Wheat, No. 2 red, 72@73 1/4; Corn, No. 2, 51@51 1/4; Oats, mixed Western, 35@36.

##### ST. LOUIS.

Cotton, Middling, 9@9 1/4; Cattle, choice steers \$5.00@5.15; medium, \$2.72@4.85; Hogs, fair to select \$8.25@7.75; Sheep, fair to choice \$3.80@4.50; Wheat, No. 2 red 68@68 1/4; Corn, No. 2 mixed 42@43; Oats, mixed Western 29@30; Rye, No. 2, 53@54; Butter, choice dairy, 19@20; Eggs, fresh 28@29 1/2.

##### CHICAGO.

Cattle, Shipping, \$3.50@3.65; Hogs, fair to choice \$5.25@5.50; Sheep, fair to choice \$4.00@5.00; Wheat, No. 2 red 73@74; Corn, No. 2, 42@43; Oats, mixed Western, 30@31.

##### KANSAS CITY.

Cattle, shipping steers, \$4.45@4.75; Hogs, \$3.50@3.75; Wheat, No. 2 red 64@65; Oats, mixed Western, 30.

##### Electric Brevities.

Connelly and Carmack, the belligerent Memphis editors, came to an amicable understanding and will fight no duel.

Peace again reigns at the Kansas capital, a compromise agreement having been signed by both factions, and all troops have been withdrawn.

The failure of a banking friend at New York, involved Governor McKim in the amount of \$1,000,000.

## THE LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings of Missouri's Senate and House of Representatives.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 15.—SENATE: The Senate convened with barely a quorum present, owing to the absence of two important committees.

Mr. Weeks introduced a bill requiring county roads to be worked by contract.

Mr. Dunn introduced a bill requiring pharmacists to register in the county where they live.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. O'Bannon introduced a bill repealing the present change of venue laws in criminal cases, and enacting the laws of 1875.

The following bills were passed:

House bill adding Audrain county to the St. Louis Court of Appeals district. Senate bill to prevent the sale of intoxicants to Indians or intoxicated persons.

Authorizing county school districts to levy 20c on the \$100 valuation for road purposes.

Adjourned till 10 a. m. to-morrow.

HOUSE: The following new bills were introduced:

Mr. Coats: To prohibit both the manufacture and sale of cigarettes within the State.

Mr. Reynolds: A joint and concurrent resolution asking Congress to appropriate \$25,000 for the construction of a bridge on the mail route at the crossing of Black River, in Reynolds County.

House bills were taken up for third reading and passage and disposed of as follows:

Requiring applicants for marriage license to file a joint affidavit that they are of legal age and that their marriage is not prohibited by law in any respect. Passed.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 17.—SENATE: Mr. Stone introduced a bill empowering prisoners convicted before the Court of Criminal Correction of St. Louis to take advantage of the insolvent debtor act.

Mr. Bradley introduced a bill to tax all franchises.

The House bill requiring the Railroad Commissioners to regulate the charges of express companies was reported favorably by the committee on Internal Improvements, with an amendment striking out the emergency clause. On motion of Mr. Stephens the amendment was adopted.

Senate bill modifying the anti-pool law so as to authorize the sale of pools on Eastern races while the same are in progress, was taken up for a third reading and defeated—yeas 16 nays 14.

At the afternoon session of the Senate barely a quorum was present.

Mr. Hines introduced a bill abolishing the State Bureau of Geology and providing for transferring all the effects of the office to the Rolla School of Mines and Metallurgy.

Senate bill giving the Coroner of St. Louis an additional deputy was ordered engrossed.

Mr. Rounner's bill for the taxation of merchandise accounts was engrossed.

Adjourned till Monday at 2 o'clock p. m.

HOUSE: Mr. Edwards introduced a bill

requiring all persons sentenced to death to be executed in the Penitentiary.

There was a wrangle lasting an hour over the arrangement of the House calendar so that bills reported unfavorably may be called up for consideration. It was finally decided to give such measures a place on the calendar.

House bill fixing the minimum price of convict labor under the contract system at 60c per day was reported favorably. This is the measure introduced by Mr. Davis, of Buchanan County, a month ago.

The Committee on Printing reported unfavorably the bill to relet the State printing contract in 1898.

An effort was made to reconsider the vote by which House bill repealing the township organization laws was defeated, and pending debate on the same a recess was taken.

At the afternoon session of the House the bill repealing the township organization laws was reconsidered and passed. Other House measures were taken up for third reading and disposed of as follows: Empowering Circuit Judges to refuse to allow the election of a special judge when circumstances make it proper to do so. Passed.

Making it grand larceny to steal a hog over 3 months old. Lost.

Exempting cities of the fourth class from the provisions of the Australian ballot law in municipal elections. Lost.

Providing for the weighing of all grain consigned to public warehouses by the State grain inspection department. Passed.

Amending the building association law so as to limit the number of shares to 10,000 and requiring half the stock to be subscribed before incorporation. Passed.

Providing that in the redemption of free or unborrowed building and loan association shares no more than the face value and premium shall be paid. Passed.

Recess till 7 p. m.

The House held a night session in order to give members whose bills were reported unfavorably an opportunity to be heard on them.

## MISSOURI NEWS.

A great deal of interest is being manifested in the coming convention of the National Electric Light Association, which meets at St. Louis February 28, continuing in session three days. Matters of very great interest to both the public and the electric world will be considered at this convention and for that reason the attendance will probably be larger than at any convention heretofore held. One important matter is the complicated incandescent system and the perfecting of arrangements for holding a meeting at Chicago during the World's Fair. The Electric Club, which is making arrangements for entertaining the delegates, has issued a handsome invitation to persons to be present at the lecture and demonstration of Nikola Tesla, the celebrated electrician. The lecture will be one of the most important features of the convention and will take place on the evening of March 1, at the Exposition Music Hall. The audience will consist of representative business men of the city, and the leading electricians of the United States. A Citizens' Reception Committee has been appointed, which will have charge of the arrangements for the entertaining of the delegates. A complete programme has not as yet been arranged, but it is given out that the following will in all probability be followed out: On Tuesday evening, February 28, the delegates will visit the Missouri Electric Light plant, and if possible the power plant of the Union Depot Railroad Company. Wednesday evening a reception to Mr. Nikola Tesla. Thursday evening a visit to the Lindell and Bellefontaine power plants. On Friday there will be an excursion on the Suburban Railway to De Hodiament and thence to the end of the line, giving the excursionists a tour over the longest electric railway in the world. Large delegations have announced that they would attend from New York, Chicago, Boston and all the large cities. The New York delegates will come on an "electric special," leaving New York via the Pennsylvania on Sunday, February 26 at noon, and arriving here Monday, February 27 at 5:30 p. m.

The nominating convention of the Socialist Labor party was held at Central Turner Hall St. Louis. There were about 200 people present. Mr. G. A. Hoehn presided, and Mr. Albert A. Sanderson acted as secretary. An entire city ticket was nominated, the candidates selected being submitted to the convention by the German and American sections of the party. Albert E. Sanderson, editor of a local labor paper, was unanimously nominated for the Mayoralty; E. O. Schultz, of Journeymen Tailors' Union, No. 11, for President of the Board of Public Improvements; Max Stoeln, for President of the Board of Assessors; G. A. Hoehn, President City Council; Gustav Eekhoff, Inspecter, Inspector Weights and Measures; Chas. F. Bechtold, Secretary Brewers' Union, Comptroller; J. A. Kendall, Auditor; Herman Herminghaus, Register; August Priestback, Treasurer; Wm. Schilling, Collector; S. Solter, Marshal and Henry Kallee, Henry Werdes, G. Baricelli, Thos. S. Walton, Jno. M. Kobb and F. W. Steinmann, members City Council. The nominations to the House of Delegates will be left to the wards. Their platform embraces nineteen demands, the most important of which is that the city shall own and operate all street railways, telephones, gas and electric light companies, the abolition of contract work, a classified civil service, and that the city shall employ all residents who cannot obtain employment from private sources.

A mass-meeting was held in the Court-house at Liberty to discuss the proposed Congressional legislation in reference to eliminating the free wagon road feature from the franchise of the railroad bridge across the Missouri River at Kansas City. The approaches and piers were built by the Winner regime about two years ago, when the company went into a receiver's hands. The property was sold the first of the month to the Union Security Company of New York, composed of the old stock and bond holders. This new company, immediately after buying in the property, posted to Washington for the purpose of amending the charter. The meeting was called to protest against the amendment and it did so almost unanimously. Messrs. Withers, Knott-hoff, Morrow and Dewese, of Kansas City, spoke in favor of the amendment and W. W. Morgan, of Kansas City, and Messrs. Sandusky, Dougherty, McClelland and Allen against. The courtroom was crowded and the sentiment was almost unanimous against the change and a resolution to that effect was adopted.

A. E. Ashbrook, of Kansas City, secretary of the Illinois-Missouri Circuit, leased the Fair Grounds in Marshall and arranged for a fair and race meeting the first week in August. The track and grounds will be improved, and everything will be done to make the meeting a success.

Oscar V. Flores, son of the ex-Speaker of the House, was married last week in Stanberry to Miss Linnie E. Sanders.

From a letter of February 19, received by J. E. Lynch, City Editor.

## A WOMAN'S MINUTE.

One of These Good Husbands Who Shiver and Wait.

He stood beside the curbstone, a mute, impassive object of pity. Hundreds of glances, casting curious and sometimes sympathetic glances at the sufferer, says an exchange, but not a man stirred a hand to help the helpless.

The wind whistled through the cold November air and he shivered anew at each cruel blast.

Men with fur-lined coats hurried past. Now and then one glanced at the spare frame and noted the benumbed fingers vainly endeavoring to make the ends of a collar meet around a thin neck, but never a nickel was proffered the miserable wretch. For a season the law of humanity seemed a dead letter.

Slowly the hands of the clock at the corner moved 'round the dial and still the shivering mortal held his position on the curb.

At length a man passed who had, apparently known the waiter on the curbstone in better days, for in the glance he threw at him there was a start of recognition. At first he seemed inclined to go on his way, but a second look at the pale, tired face compelled him to obey the better promptings of his heart. He stepped on one side and took the outcast kindly by the hand.

"Why, Jack!" said he, "what are you doing here?"

A tear fell from the eye of the wanderer and a wan smile stole over his face.

"Bill, old man," he replied, with a choking voice, "she's in there; she's—she's—shopping!"

He pointed with a gesture of despair to the window of the store in front of which he stood, where ladies' attire reigned supreme.

"Poor boy!"

"It's—it's—all right, Bill. She'll be back in a minute. She told me she would when she left me an hour ago."

Bill's hand crossed his mouth in a suggestive way, but the hapless benedick shook his head mournfully and resumed his attitude of patient waiting on the curbstone.

## No Cloud Without Rain.

A very curious fact is that a cloud is always raining. Even in summer, when the cloud over our heads is white, the drops are falling from it. But they are very small and they evaporate before they reach the earth.

In evaporating they pass from the cloud-particle stage to the haze-particle stage; from saturation to simple condensation; or the dry dust particles on which the condensation takes place may be left perfectly dry.

It is a general truth that when a cloud is formed it begins to rain. The minute particles of water come down in millions. The distance they fall depends on their size.

If the air the cloud rests on is dry and warm they do not get far. If it is chilly they collect in masses and form drops of rain that reach the earth.—Longman's Magazine.

## Peter Gruber's Unique Garb.

Peter Gruber, the Rattlesnake King, of Venago county, has made the most unique costume any man ever wore. It consists of coat, vest, trousers, hat, shoes and shirt, and is made entirely of the skins of rattlesnakes.

Seven hundred snakes, all caught and skinned by Gruber during the past five years, provided the material for this novel costume. To preserve the flexibility of the skins to the greatest possible degree, the snakes were skinned alive, first being made unconscious by chloroform.

They were then tanned by a method peculiar to Gruber, and are as soft and elastic as woolen goods. The different articles for this outfit were made by Oil City tailors, shoemakers and hatters, and the costume is valued at \$1,000.—New York Sun.

## Quite Like Patagonians.

An unusual spectacle was observed on Riverside drive, New York. A park policeman shot a bull that was running amuck, and sent for the keepers of the menagerie to cart away the carcass of the animal. In the meantime residents in the vicinity came with butcher knives and buckets, carved up the beast and tried the meat off to their homes.

## All Walked on Their Toes.

During 1770 French women shoes with very pointed toes and slender heels. In 1789, the year revolution, an abundance of pointed many patches and were considered